IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patel

Attorney Docket: 27845-13

Serial No.:

10/009,090

Examiner:

Filing Date:

11/15/2001

Group Art Unit: 1756

Title:

Indicators for Monitoring Sterilization with Plasma

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

This application was filed on November 15, 2001. This long pendency without an Official Action prompts us to inquire as to the status of the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph T/Guy, Ph.D.

Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 35,172

Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard

PO Box 10107

Greenville, SC 29603

Alexandria,

Telephone: 864-370-2211 Facsimile: 864-282-1177

December 18, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Director of the United States Patent & Trademark Offic